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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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In re Application of Brian S. Thornton

Application Number 10/026,327

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For " Flexure Design and Assembly Process for Slider Leading Edge ..."

Group Art Unit 3729

Examiner  
Paul O. Kim

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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